

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
HOUSTON DIVISION**

Alex Ramirez

Plaintiff,

vs.

Case No.: 4:14-cv-02971

Judge Keith P Ellison

WellBenders Directional Services, LLC

Defendant.

NOTICE REGARDING INITIAL CONFERENCE

This notice is being issued in connection with the above referenced proceeding. We are currently scheduled for an initial, or scheduling, conference. As a standard practice in this court, we ask that parties try to agree to dates and deadlines and submit them in the form of a proposed scheduling order. If the parties are able to reach an agreement, the Court will dispense with the conference. I am attaching the standard form scheduling order, which can also be downloaded from the court's website: www.txs.uscourts.gov.

In working through the schedule, please keep in mind that trial is normally scheduled within eighteen months after the case is filed in, or removed to, federal court. Dispositive motions should be filed three months prior to the trial date. In the attached proposed scheduling order, we have included specific due dates for dispositive motions and the joint pretrial order. We have also noted a trial date based on the guidelines stated above.

If you return the completed scheduling order one week prior to your scheduled hearing, the conference will be cancelled. The order should be e-mailed to my Case Manager, Stephanie Loewe at stephanie_loewe@txs.uscourts.gov. Alternatively, you can fax it to her at 713-250-5503.

Signed on January 13, 2015, at Houston, Texas.



Keith P. Ellison
United States District Judge

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Civil Action 4:14-cv-02971

SCHEDULING/DOCKETING CONTROL ORDER

Anticipated Length of Trial: _____ Days

Jury: _____ Non-Jury: _____

1. (a) NEW PARTIES shall be joined by:
The Attorney causing the addition of new parties
will provide copies of this Order to new parties.
(b) **AMENDMENT to PLEADINGS** by Plaintiff or
Counter-Plaintiff shall be filed by:
2. EXPERT WITNESSES for the PLAINTIFF will be
identified by a report listing the qualifications of each
expert, each opinion that the expert will present, and the
basis for it. DUE DATE:
3. EXPERT WITNESSES for the DEFENDANT will be
identified by a report listing the qualifications of each
expert, each opinion that the expert will present, and the
basis for it. DUE DATE:
4. DISCOVERY must be completed by:
Written discovery requests are not timely if they are
filed so close to this deadline that the recipient would
not be required under the Federal Rules of Civil
Procedure to respond until after the deadline.
5. DISPOSITIVE AND NON-DISPOSITIVE MOTIONS
(except motions *in limine*) will be filed by:
6. JOINT PRETRIAL ORDER and MOTIONS *IN LIMINE*
(The Court will fill in this date)

10/19/2015
(Due 90 days prior to Trial)

01/12/2016
(Due the Monday before trial)

7. TRIAL will begin at 9:00 a.m.

1/19/2016
(15 Months from the date case filed)

Date

Keith P. Ellison
United States District Judge

Date

Counsel for Plaintiff(s)

Date

Counsel for Defendant(s)